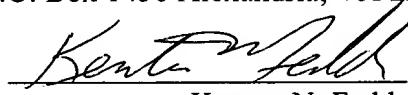


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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE  
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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated July 17, 2003 in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 1, 3, 5-10, 19, and 20